

ORDINANCE NO. 14879

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 5 - 2011

INTRODUCED BY

FEBRUARY 16, 2011

AN ORDINANCE

Amending the 2011 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Three Hundred and Fifty Thousand (\$350,000.00) Dollars to provide for the receipt of a grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. This grant will provide funding which will be used to assist with the construction of a new trail as part of the City Wide Trail Network plan as approved that will connect Cedar Creek Parkway to Union Terrace and the Little Lehigh Parkway.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALLENTOWN:

SECTION ONE: That City Council authorizes an increase in the amount of Three Hundred and Fifty Thousand (\$350,000.00) Dollars to the unappropriated balance of the Capital Fund Budget.

SECTION TWO: That City Council authorizes a supplemental appropriation from the unappropriated balance of the Capital Fund in the following manner:

**Capital Fund
Department of Parks and Recreation
City Wide Trail Feasibility Study**

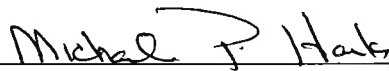
001-08-1663-1110-46	Contract/Service Fees	\$100,000	
001-08-1663-1110-76	Construction Contracts		<u>\$250,000</u>
	Total		<u>\$350,000</u>

SECTION THREE: That this Ordinance will take effect ten (10) days after final passage.

SECTION FOUR: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

	Yea	Nay
W. Michael Donovan	X	
Jeanette Eichenwald	X	
Julio A. Guridy	X	
Ray O'Connell	X	
Michael Schlossberg	X	
Peter G. Schweyer, Vice President	X	
Michael D'Amore, President	X	
TOTAL	7	0

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was passed by City Council on April 6th and signed by the Mayor on April 8, 2011.



CITY CLERK

- **What Department or bureau is Bill originating from? Where did the initiative for the bill originate?**

Department of Parks & Recreation.

- **Summary and Facts of the Bill**

The ordinance places awarded grant funds of \$350,000 into the capital project designated as the City Wide Trail Network for the purpose of implementing this section of trail as approved.

- **Purpose – Please include the following in your explanation:**
 - **What does the Bill do – what are the specific goals/tasks the bill seek to accomplish**
 - **What are the Benefits of doing this/Down-side of doing this**
 - **How does this Bill related to the City's Vision/Mission/Priorities**

This project has been identified as a top priority in the creation of a city-wide trail network that will establish safe, continuous corridors throughout the community that promote outdoor recreation, assist in fostering a culture of active living, facilitate non-motorized transportation and assist in marketing and promoting Allentown as a destination for trail users.

The MLK and Little Lehigh Parkway Trail project will be Allentown's strongest connection between the downtown and the City's extensive park resources to the west. The existing trails are a combination of sidepaths and sidewalks, often lacking connectivity. This project will fill in the gaps within the existing system, enhance and add new spurs to adjacent trails and the downtown core, develop bike and pedestrian bridges across Cedar and Little Lehigh creeks, retrofit two existing railroad trestle bridges, provide two underpasses on existing street bridges at Union Street and MLK Blvd., provide trail signage and wayfinding, and make critical on-street pedestrian and bicycle friendly intersection improvements.

- **Financial Impact – Please include the following in your explanation:**
 - **Cost (Initial and ongoing)**
 - **Benefits (initial and ongoing)**

The funds have been awarded by the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and will not involve any costs other than staff time needed to process.

- **Funding Sources – Please include the following in your explanation:**
 - **If transferring funds, please make sure bill gives specific accounts; if appropriating funds from a grant list the agency awarding the grant.**

NA

- **Priority status/Deadlines, if any**

March 31, 2011

- **Why should Council unanimously support this bill?**

To allow for continued efforts for additional fundraising efforts to develop project fully and begin with the development of construction documents and necessary permitting of the new trail.

- **Committee Action**

- **Public Comments**

- **Body/Text of the Bill**

- **Exhibits**

- **Vote**